



How did one man fix welfare in Illinois ... by involving welfare recipients in the reform?

How did one man transcend partisan politics and create a transitional welfare-to-work plan that guarantees safety nets for women and children?

How did one man convince a governor and an inner-city community to work as partners to develop a welfare reform policy that empowers low-income citizens?

FROM 1993 TO 1997, GARY MACDOUGAL chaired the Illinois Governor's Task Force on Human Services Reform, which developed and implemented a major reform and reorganization of the state's \$10 billion human services systems—the largest reorganization of Illinois state government since 1900. The reform moved human services and welfare toward integration of services, involvement of communities, and measured outcomes.

As a result of MacDougal's efforts, the number of welfare recipients in Illinois has been cut by 86 percent, and the difficult Cook County/Chicago welfare rolls are down 85 percent since August 1996.

MacDougal understands the importance of community, grassroots, and faith-based organizations. He is a former chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Russell Sage Foundation (New York), an organization with assets of approximately \$200 million, which conducts and funds social science research with a major emphasis on poverty problems.

He is currently a trustee of the Annie E. Casey Foundation (Baltimore), a foundation with assets of more than \$3 billion, established to assist children at risk, and he is a former trustee of the W.T. Grant Foundation (New York), with assets of approximately \$170 million directed to child development and problems of disadvantaged children.

MacDougal also understands workforce development. He was appointed a commissioner of the U.S. Secretary of Labor's Commission on Workforce Quality and Productivity, serving in 1988 and 1989.

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Please join us on Wednesday, May 31 for a special joint session featuring a briefing and testimony by Gary MacDougal. All attendees will receive a free copy of *Make A Difference*.

When:
Wednesday, May 31, 2006
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Where:
Joint House and Senate
Family and Children
Services Committee
Anderson House Office Bldg.
Room #519
124 North Capitol
Lansing, Michigan

Featured Speaker:
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